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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Director,
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Through: Chief, Plans and Policy Staff,
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From: CIA Representative,
Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff
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Subject: [REDACTED] Cooperation in Foreign Activities.
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Reference: Attached File on [REDACTED] Cooperation in Information Activities.

Mr. William T. Stone, Chairman of the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff, has just returned from a trip to London where he discussed the question of cooperation in information activities by and between the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Stone reported that members of NATO had agreed to establish a full-time staff for the purpose of coordinating within that Organization the foreign information activities of the member countries. Such a staff will come into being approximately October 15, will be headed by a Canadian, will sit in London and will report directly to the Director of the NATO Council.

One of the problems briefly discussed at the recent London meeting was the question of intelligence support for such an international information effort. For example, it seems fundamental that such a staff must be provided with [REDACTED] including CIA reports concerning Soviet-communist radio broadcast propaganda. It seems equally clear that such a staff should be provided with as much intelligence documentation and materials as CIA feels is commensurate with national security interests. It might even be desirable for the Government to provide an intelligence representative to sit permanently with such an international information staff.

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Your attention is invited to the attached file on this subject and to the comment by the Chief, COAPS: "If there should be a decision by proper authority to institute an international operation and if we knew its scope, endeavors, etc., etc., we might be able to extend intelligence support accordingly".

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